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## Total U.S. Exports January - December

	Quantity (metric tons)		
	1999	2000	% Change
Broiler Meat	2,231,065	2,516,405	+13
Spent Hens	177,590	100,896	-43

	Value ('000 dollars)		
	1999	2000	% Change
Broiler Meat	1,427,805	1,606,328	+13
Spent Hens	149,525	75,648	-49

Exports of spent hens to Asia fell from 110,617 to 35,383 metric tons, mostly due to a decline of 71 percent to Hong Kong. Spent hen exports to the Caribbean fell from 20,100 metric tons in 1999 to 9,121 in 2000, to Central America from 5,104 to 2,154.

Spent hen exports to the EU, the Former Soviet Union Eastern Europe rose from 2,994 to 4,281; 1,081 to 7,926; and from 1,067 to 5,610 metric tons respectively.

## Broiler Meat Exports January - December

	Quantity (metric tons)	Value ('000 dollars)		
Country	1999	2000	1999	2000
EU	33,439	45,845	16,453	24,288
Russia	321,609	613,532	147,504	305,357
Georgia	27,681	61,616	12,556	35,516
Poland	44,343	44,764	25,058	21,610
Macedonia	1,079	13,912	883	8,083
Albania	5,745	8,124	2,754	4,769
Romania	2,084	8,617	1,574	4,864
Bulgaria	2,865	4,963	1,820	2,783
Turkey	11,407	20,386	6,229	10,345
Israel	11	2,027	18	1,026
Kuwait	1,025	1,150	3,412	2,761
Saudi Arabia	4,641	6,683	6,494	6,645
UAE	17,235	17,414	11,684	11,531
Oman	1,101	1,580	680	1,160
Bahrain	484	1,129	1,016	1,070
Cameroon	0	880	0	1,955
Ghana	985	2,431	441	1,229
Gabon	24	2,683	23	1,215
Angola	7,222	25,941	4,363	12,949
Congo	24	3,482	10	1,381
South Africa	21,935	13,940	13,535	8,907
Malaysia	3,295	3,167	3,107	2,550
Singapore	10,515	25,350	10,439	19,997
Indonesia	7,660	14,006	5,085	8,242
Philippines	32,487	14,934	18,683	11,847
Hong Kong	558,055	633,597	322,011	353,741
Taiwan	10,686	15,957	6,986	11,295
Japan	99,265	104,634	121,450	118,588
West. Samoa	3,534	4,854	2,482	3,407
*FPI	5,218	10,451	5,476	8,782
*French Pacific Islands				

## Hong Kong

Poultry production in Hong Kong has almost fully recovered from the bird flu crises in early 1998. The growth is mainly due to the expansion of chicken farming. The duck and goose market in Hong Kong has been captured almost entirely by chilled products from China and domestic production has all but disappeared.

In late 1999 Hong Kong importers wrongly anticipated reexport demand for poultry in China, resulting in stock accumulation in 1999 and a 2 percent drop in imports in the first ten months of 2000. The US is the top importer with 65 percent and Brazil is second with 12 percent of the market. Brazilian products in general are more expensive than U.S. product however it is highly regarded for consistent product quality and good packaging. Freight is expensive from Brazil to Hong Kong. A 40 foot container with a load of 25 tons costs \$4400-5800 from Brazil. Freight between the West Coast of the U.S. and Hong Kong merely costs around \$2500. Poultry imports are forecast to rise 11 percent in 2001, reaching 1,275,000 MT.

## Imports by Major Suppliers, Jan-Oct

	1999	2000	1999	2000
Poultry	Metric Tons		US\$'000	
US	660,024	621,475	441,865	404,356
Brazil	84,472	117,992	76,359	93,322
China	50,121	55,511	74,746	81,144
Canada	32,857	31,260	21,623	21,693
UK	40,611	29,026	34,231	24,097
Netherlands	28,458	27,028	27,323	22,822
World	977,697	961,378	749,501	728,859
Eggs	'000 eggs		US\$'000	
China	381,492	629,001	15,092	23,118
US	312,637	349,230	14,445	15,740
Germany	197,794	97,313	8,380	5,076
Thailand	14,292	62,833	530	2,596
Netherlands	336,044	29,213	13,526	1,441
World	1,248,780	1,181,819	52,357	48,732

Local egg production is downsizing and production in 2000 was as low as 20 MT. It is unlikely that it will return to the pre-bird flu level of 270 MT. Traditionally, table egg production in Hong Kong has been a by-product (the unfertilized eggs) of breeding operations to produce broiler chicks. Since most breeding chickens in Hong Kong were slaughtered due to the chicken flu crisis, farmers tend to buy female day-old chicks from China and rear them for 100 days before selling them to the market. Female chickens are preferred and if farmers hatched their own chicks 50 percent would be male.

Hong Kong relies on imports for its egg supplies. During January - October 2000, egg imports from China amounted to 629 million pieces, rising 65 percent from the same period in 1999. In recent years the quality and packaging of eggs from China have improved greatly. In the absence of EU subsidies Dutch and German egg imports were sharply lower.

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**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 03, 2001	2001	2000/1	Year-To-Date 2001	2000
Liquid	291	194	1,403	1,207
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	40	22	58
Total	291	234	1,425	1,305

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 03, 2001	2001	2000/1	Year-To-Date 2001	2000
Liquid	55	62	1,024	1,045
Frozen	9	5	204	43
Dried	0	40	82	321
Total	64	107	1,310	1,409

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 03, 2001	2001	2000/1	Year-To-Date 2001	2000
Jumbo	0	79	24	92
Extra Large	380	970	1,720	3,473
Large	2,970	2,423	16,075	19,898
Medium	2,848	1,047	5,998	4,848
Ungraded	780	0	12,840	6,180
Misc	0	750	2,437	1,500
Total	6,978	5,269	39,094	35,991

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION**

W/E 03-Mar-01

(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,910	1,261	3,171
LAST WEEK	1,933	1,237	3,170
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,111	1,361	3,472
TO-DATE/2001	16,477	11,382	27,859
TO-DATE/2000	18,255	12,011	30,266

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	640	4	644
LAST WEEK	451	0	451
SAME WEEK YR AGO	410	0	410
TO-DATE/2001	4,826	52	4,878
TO-DATE/2000	4,981	27	5,008

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,550	1,265	3,815
LAST WEEK	2,384	1,237	3,621
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,521	1,361	3,882
TO-DATE/2001	21,303	11,434	32,737
TO-DATE/2000	23,236	12,038	35,274

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

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**CHICKEN** 09-MAR-2001  
— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	16.00	93,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-17.00	10.00-12.00	1,897,200	856,800
WTD AVERAGE	15.27	10.98		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**CHICKEN** 09-MAR-2001  
— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	320,000	320,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-18.00	15.00-17.00	692,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.98	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-16.00	11.00-14.00	1,840,000	560,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.51	12.94		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 MARCH 2001.

Supplies of tom full cut wings were extremely tight. Balance of bulk parts ranged from well cleared to short of needs. The market tone was at least steady on necks, fully steady to firm on other parts. Fresh tom breast meat was adequate to tight and asking prices trended higher. Fresh and frozen destrapped tenders exhibited increased spot availability and the market tone ranged steady to firm. Thigh meat continued very strong with limited product available. Export markets were fairly active on thigh meat, light on tails and tom drums and v-type wings.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 09, 2001****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50		30.50	40	30.74	298
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	29.00	80	27.23	539
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	208	27.63	416
TAILS	24.00-25.00		24.43	184	23.39	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	17.00	80	17.00	184
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00-66.00		63.60	520	63.90	1,240

**THURSDAY, MARCH 08, 2001****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-32.00		30.82	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104
TAILS	21.00		21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-66.00		64.40	400

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 07, 2001****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50-31.00		30.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00-28.50		27.00	424
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104
TAILS		R	25.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-65.00		63.75	320

**TUESDAY, MARCH 06, 2001****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00		32.00	6
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	35
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	104
TAILS		R	25.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	57.48	368

**MONDAY, MARCH 05, 2001****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	28.50	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.50		27.50	104
TAILS		R	25.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	57.48	368

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/  
Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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